

Civil War Still Reverberates

Indecision and conflict continues over Confederate street names and statues.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

After four tumultuous meetings, the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names has not managed to settle the 150-year-old conflict over the legacy of the Confederacy in Alexandria.

"It's important to remember our history, good and bad," began Mary Lyman, chair of the Advisory Group and the Planning Commission, in as neutral a tone as the April 11 meeting in the Sister Cities Conference Room would see. "We're not trying to forget anything, we're just trying to figure out how to deal with that in modern times."

But advocates of Confederate heritage, in attendance and on the board, didn't quite see the potential removal of Confederate iconography the same way. The group was established to review whether or not the city would continue to allow Confederate flags on city property, whether or not to move the Appomattox statue at the intersection of Washington and Prince streets, and whether or not to rename Alexandria streets that honor Confederate leaders.



Alexandria citizens debate causes and legacy of the Civil War.

But at its fourth meeting, the Advisory Group showed its own rebellion against the City Council. Eugene Thompson, representing the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, said that the City Council handed the problem down to the group before it had even been established whether or not the city could make any changes. The Appomattox statue is protected by the Virginia statute concerning Memorials for War Veterans, which states that removing a memorial to any major war or conflict would be unlawful.

"The city should go to the state asking if they can move it, then figure out if we [should move it]," said Thompson. "Right now, there's nothing we can do. If it can't be moved, it can't be moved."

City communications director Craig Fifer noted that city charter gives the city power to name streets that supersedes the state level authority.

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McAuliffe Visits City Hall for Veto

Mayor and domestic violence specialists back Governor's stance.

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On paper, giving domestic violence victims under protective orders access to concealed weapons without permits or training may have appeared sound, but with his veto of a series of bills out of the Virginia legislature, Gov. Terry McAuliffe and others argued that adding more guns would only put more lives at risk.

McAuliffe signed the vetoes on March 7 at Alexandria's City Hall. McAuliffe and the others who took the podium recognized that the intention of the bill was good. Mayor Allison Silberberg and Debbie Evans, Division Chief for Alexandria's Sexual Assault Center and Domestic Violence Program, stood beside McAuliffe and spoke in favor of the veto.

In addition to an earlier execu-

tive order prohibiting individuals with permanent protective orders from owning firearms, McAuliffe said the vetoes aim to keep guns out of domestic violence situations. According to the Virginia Department of Health, in 2014 there were 112 family-related homicides. Sixty percent of the deaths came from a firearm in the home, and women were five times more likely to die in these scenarios than men.

"We must confront domestic violence head on," said McAuliffe. "Adding guns is not the solution."

Peter Ambler, former aide to U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and director of Americans for Responsible Solutions, said he believed that individuals could retain their rights and still have safety and common sense laws.

Evans noted that most women can already obtain concealed carry

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Flanked by gun-control advocates and Alexandria city officials, Gov. Terry McAuliffe signs a series of vetoes against legislation that would make it easier for victims of domestic abuse to obtain concealed weapons.

Council Hears Ethics Recommendation

A pledge for city's elected and appointed officials.

The ethics pledge makes no changes to the law, increases no reporting qualifications, and includes no complaint process, but after months of City Council fights over its necessity and implications, the draft presented by the Code of Conduct Review Committee at the April 12 City Council meeting was received with relatively little fanfare.

The pledge asks that the mayor, members of the City Council, and all appointed officials act with integrity and without improper use or influence of the office. It asks that members of the council avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest, to behave in a manner that inspires public confidence, to uphold

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Man Charged with Murder

Alexandria Police have charged a suspect in connection with the homicide of Melaku Abraha, who died on April 1, from injuries sustained during a robbery that occurred in the 200 block of South Alfred Street on March 28.

George McGee, II, 22, of Capital Heights, Md., was charged with murder and robbery on April 12. He is being held without bond in Prince George's County.

In a statement this week, Police Chief Earl Cook said, "As always, I am impressed by the hard work of our Alexandria Police detectives and their unwavering commitment to the victim and his family.

Their dedication resulted in an arrest in less than two weeks. I would also like to thank the Prince George's County Police Department for their assistance in arresting the suspect."

The Police Department asks that anyone with information about this investigation contact Detective Bikeramjit Gill at 703-746-6751.

Man Indicted in Park Murder

On April 11, the Grand Jury for the City of Alexandria handed down a two-count indictment against Reinaldo Mauricio Portillo Membrano, alleging that Portillo Membrano murdered Jose Luis Perez Ferman in Beverly Park on or about Nov. 8, 2015. Portillo Membrano is 17 years old; the Commonwealth has indicted him as an adult in this case, and the Circuit Court has jurisdiction over the matter.

Portillo Membrano was charged with a total of two counts: First Degree Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder. The maximum penalty for these offenses is life in prison.

A trial date has not been set.

Lawsuit Filed Against General Registrar of Voters

Anna Leider, the general registrar of voters in the City of Alexandria, is now faced with a lawsuit that alleges she failed to maintain proper voter rolls and refused to permit the plaintiffs to inspect list maintenance records as required by federal laws.

The lawsuit, filed by the Public Interest Legal Foundation on behalf of the Virginia Voters Alliance Inc., claims that the number of registrants who can vote in Alexandria exceeded the number of citizens of voting age residing in the city. However, as of April 8, Leider says the city has 82,997 active registered voters, with a 2014 census putting Alexandria's total over-18 population at 123,824.

Leider said the number of registered voters fell by 5,865 on Nov. 23 as a result of the state's annual address confirmation process, but steadily climbed back up to its current number as a result of voters registering for the March primary.

As an ongoing legal case, Leider could not further discuss the specifics of the lawsuit. The Public Interest Legal Foundation could not be reached for comment.

— VERNON MILES

Duke Street Ramp Closing

During overnight hours on Thursday, April 14, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will close the ramp from Duke Street (Route 236) to I-395 North to remove construction barriers. Motorists should expect delays.

Beginning at 10:30 p.m., crews will close the ramp and detour traffic from eastbound Duke Street to North Van Dorn Street to Seminary Road and westbound Duke Street to North Beauregard Street to Seminary Road, and back to I-395 North. The ramp will be reopened by 4:30 a.m. the following mornings.

More information about the project is available at http://virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-395_hov-transit_ramp.asp

Inside Alexandria Police Department

Part 3: Use of Force.

An occasional series, drawn from the Alexandria Citizen's Police Academy.

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The Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy is a 10-week course hosted by the Alexandria Police Department (APD) to offer citizens a better understanding of how the department works. Throughout the course, participants sit in on emergency calls and ride along with police officers on patrol.

In the fifth week of the course, the Alexandria Police Department looked at the application, and limitations, of the use of force.

The use of force is one of the most controversial pieces of police work. After incidents involving use of force left Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and many others dead, police departments across the country have come under criticism. Use of force ranges from officers physically grappling with a suspect during an arrest to fatalities in a police shooting. While Alexandria has not recently been the subject of similar national controversy, the questions surrounding use of force have still had a local impact.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS

William Mayfield was injured on the job, and has made it his goal not to let it happen to anyone else. But this doesn't come without restrictions.

"This is not the Old West, we can't come out shooting," said Mayfield.

"Things are moving rapidly, the officer has to make a decision and stand by it," said Mayfield.

Three factors determine reasonableness of the use of force: the severity of the crime, the potential harm to the police officer and others, and whether or not the suspect was evading law enforcement. To merit the use of force, the situation must meet all three requirements.

There are also three varieties of force employed: lethal, less lethal, and non-lethal. Officers are taught to escalate or deescalate force in appropriate response to the situation, but that the officer must hold the advantage at all times. In practice, that means that if the suspect raises his or her fists, the officer needs to go one level higher to something like pepper spray. However, if a suspect puts down a weapon or lowers his or her fists, the officer needs to respond appropriately. It's a regimented structure, but Mayfield says that in the field it can all happen within the blink of an eye.

While use of deadly force is the last resort, Mayfield still says they need to train officers to not hesitate. In an age where, as Sergeant Maruensi Alvarez says, the public "trial by media" can heavily influence officers' decisions, it's important to keep hesitation out of the officer's mind.

"When the FBI interviewed people who shot at police officers, all of them answered that the officer's hesitation to escalate force was what prompted them," said Mayfield.

Deputy Chief Chris Wemple said it's training that pushes that hesitation aside.

"It's like racquetball," said Wemple. "How do you know where it's going to be and how to hit it? Reflex built on training."

While officers must adhere to the national and Virginia standards for police, they almost must follow Alexandria standards. Mayfield noted that situations had arisen in the past where an officer em-



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Officers in the Crisis Intervention Team Training practice clearing a building.

ployed force that was legal under the national and Virginia codes, but was not appropriate by Alexandria's more restrictive standard. Pursuits, for instance, are listed as a use of deadly force in Alexandria code but not national. Officers are specifically prohibited from pepper spraying inside a vehicle or shooting at a moving vehicle, two actions that could cause the car to become a directionless missile.

The car is just one example of how Wemple and Mayfield say police are accountable for the ramifications of force. Before using a taser, for instance, police are required to make sure the ground around the suspect is clear. In Fairfax, police used a taser on a suspect in a parking lot who wound up hitting his head on a concrete block. This is part of the reason Wemple says it has never been the policy of any police department in the country to aim at extremities when shooting. After a round is fired, Wemple says a police officer is responsible for anywhere that bullet goes.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

Alexandria has not had a spree shooting in recent memory. The closest, some recall, was in 2005 when Mustafa Mohamed went on a slashing spree at Goodwin House Alexandria that left seven people injured. Mohamed was disarmed by a visitor before police arrived and there were no fatalities, but Alexandria Police continue to train for the worst case scenario.

Alexandria Police train in an elaborate mock-up of school and office sites where active shooter scenarios could take place. Members of the citizen's academy watched officers enter and clear rooms with an active shooter. It happens within the span of seconds; police breach the room and then the suspect is being detained on the ground.

Before the training starts, one of the instructors reminds the academy that while they're sitting outside, every gunshot means another student or teacher dead. In Columbine, the police stood back and waited for the special units to show up. Since then, police departments across the nation have considered that reaction unacceptable and train each police officer to be able to handle an active shooter situation.

One of the latest changes in how police active

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Dr. Yvette Fay Francis-McBarnette



Dr. Yvette Fay Francis-McBarnette, known for her ground-breaking work in treating Sickle Cell Anemia, died in Alexandria on the afternoon of March 28, 2016 surrounded by her loved ones. She was weeks from her 90th birthday.

Born in Jamaica in 1926 to Clarence and Sarah Francis, she immigrated to the United States as a young child with her parents and became an American citizen. She grew up in Harlem, New York City, where she attended St. Philip's Episcopal Church. There she married Olvin McBarnette, her husband of 60 years, and together raised their six children in Queens, New York City.

Dr. Francis attended Hunter College, N.Y., graduating magna cum laude at just 17 years old. She then earned a master's degree in chemistry graduating with honors from Columbia University. Next, she entered the Yale School of Medicine as the second African American woman ever accepted into the program. She earned her doctorate in 1950.

Dr. Francis was a pediatrician with a clinical specialty in hematology. Her focus was Sickle Cell Anemia, an inherited blood disorder affecting primarily people of African and Mediterranean descent. In 1966, she launched the Foundation for Research and Education in Sickle Cell Disease to promote testing, research, public education and patient services. Dr. Francis's work came to influence national policy when she was invited to be a member an advisory commit-

tee on Sickle Cell to the Nixon administration. Soon after, the National Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act of May 1972 was signed.

Dr. Francis owned and operated the St. Albans Family Medical Center in Queens, New York City. She was the director of the Sickle Cell Clinic in Jamaica Hospital in Queens. She received numerous awards and accolades for her service to her patients and the community.

Known as Fay to her friends and family, she enjoyed singing, playing the piano, and playing the card game bridge at tournaments at her summer getaway home in Martha's Vineyard. She was a life-long learner who in her mid-70s took philosophy classes in the graduate program at Hunter College. In 2003, she moved from New York to Alexandria with her husband to be near her grandchildren. She was deeply religious. She enjoyed Bible study and singing in the choir at the Episcopal chapel of Goodwin House, the retirement community where she lived with her husband.

Dr. Francis leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving husband Olvin McBarnette; her children Bruce, Camilla, Yvette, Elayne Sara, Ellen and Andrea; her grandchildren Nettie McMiller, Baily and Taylor Moore; her brother Mac Francis; and numerous nephews, nieces, extended family and friends. Her Memorial Service will be held on April 30, 2016, in Alexandria.



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Civil War Ghosts Haunt City Policy

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including possibly renaming Jefferson Davis highway. While the topic of changing street names remained hotly contested, most of the group agreed on the highway, which is already broken up into Patrick and Henry streets for most of its route through the city.

"If we were going to change any names, Jefferson Davis would be the one to change," said Lyman.

For Thompson, the difference between Davis and the other Confederate leaders is that Davis never pledged his allegiance to the United States the way Lee did.

But with over 60 streets in the city potentially named after Confederate leaders (questions swirled around which Lee some buildings or streets were named for), some on the Advisory Group balked at the cost.

"It's huge and it's going to cascade," said Elizabeth McCall, representing the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. McCall agreed that more needed to be done to honor African American heritage in the city, but argued that "wholesale erasure"

of the city's Confederate past was a slippery slope.

"It is [huge]," agreed Thompson, "but I want us to have that conversation."

La Donna Sanders added that, as the African Americans in Alexandria are being pushed out by gentrification, the history of African Americans in the city is getting pushed out with them. It didn't escape the notice of the Advisory Group that many of the streets in the West End named after Confederate leaders, like Beauregard Street, run through traditionally African-American neighborhoods.

"When we walk down Confederate streets, we think about it," said Thompson. "I think about it. Young African Americans think about it."

As the meeting turned to public comment, old arguments over the causes of the Civil War resurfaced. Speakers were supposed to make their case in general, but some addressed or ridiculed other speakers specifically in a chaotic and tense scene. The meeting adjourned with an agreement to work on a resolution via email — with careful notes on how to avoid Freedom of Information act violations by Fifer — to be presented at an undefined later date.

Inside Alexandria Police Department

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shooter situations emerged when it was found that stop-gap measures could have saved the lives of victims of gunshot wounds. Now, when the shooter is cornered, police do a risk assessment to see if certain areas are safe for firefighters to look for victims. If a zone is cleared, firefighters and medics can move

in, treat, and evacuate victims of the shooting. It may seem callous, but the tactical unit passes by the injured and fleeing, heading directly towards the target. "Every time a gun goes off," said Alvarez, "that's another person dead."

Next week, the Citizens' Police Academy gets more hands-on with a trip to the firearms range.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Potomac Watershed Cleanup. 9-11 a.m. The City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Stormwater Management Division, and Resource Recovery Division, in conjunction with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, will host two sites in the City:

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MONDAY/APRIL 18

Community Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center Gymnasium, 25 West Reed Ave. The public is invited to a meeting to discuss potential

impacts from construction of the planned Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. Also discussed will be ways to minimize or avoid impacts. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard for more.

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan Update Advisory Group will hold its first meeting. The meeting will include discussion on the proposed planning process and timeline. All meetings of the Advisory Group are open to the public and community members are encouraged to attend and participate. Meeting materials and background information can be found at www.alexandriava.gov/PotomacYardPlan. Questions can be directed to Richard Lawrence at 703-746-3849.

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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Two women arrive 15 minutes early and are sitting at the table chatting about menus. They are waiting for the third class on April 6 in the six-week series on Eating Healthy, Be Active sponsored by the County Extension Service. Van Do, Family and Consumer Sciences SNAP-Ed Agent, for Virginia Cooperative Extension says, "Today's program focuses on eating healthy on a budget."

PEOPLE AT WORK Do has joined her two Master Food Volunteers in the kitchen at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center on Commonwealth Avenue where they are cutting celery strips to serve with a bean dip. Do started in her current position last October after graduating from Virginia Tech in Nutrition, Foods and Exercise. Do says she is responsible for Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax.

"Since it is just me, I can't go into all of the schools to do programs," she said. "But schools that have 50 percent free and reduced price lunches qualify for services. I offer training for the teacher with a model curriculum." For grades K-2 it is Wise Guy; for grades 3-7 it is Healthy Weights for Healthy Kids and then comes Teen Cuisine. Do says at Hammond Middle School in a month she will be teaching how to cook and take it home. It is a lesson on fast food vs. home cooked food — for instance, fried French fries vs. baked sweet potatoes. She plans programs in community centers, "and I've noticed some of our participants like to go from rec center to rec center."

Do speaks to members of the Del Ray Seniors Club, "Let's recap what we learned last week. We talked about restaurants and how to eat healthy." One of the group volunteers that they have their annual lunch next week and she will practice what Do told them. "That's going to be hard," another adds.

Master Food Volunteer Claudia Scott gives several tips for eating better on a budget. Be sure you have a list, try to shop for the week, find a way to use leftovers, buy cheaper house brands when you know they are quality, don't shop when you are hungry and don't buy pre-cut vegetables that are much more expensive. Small changes can make a difference. One woman volunteers that her husband shopped at the commissary and brought home bags of onions and celery. "I would cut them myself and freeze them; then I could just pull them out."

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Van Do and Master Food Volunteer Barbara Spangler have rinsed kidney beans to remove the sodium, added chili powder and a favorite spice, cumin, and are tackling the blender that just doesn't want to create a dip. Presto, a little water, and you have a healthy snack.



Claudia Scott and Barbara Spangler, two Master Food Volunteers, cut celery into bite-size pieces in the Mount Vernon Recreation Center kitchen.

Everyone nods they overbuy when they are hungry. One of the class members injects that she shops for two weeks at a time. Another says he prepares two large entrees and has four days of dinners, then fills in with other things.

Another theme is to use coupons when possible and to shop the grocery store weekly specials. But they are cautioned to use coupons carefully so they don't buy things they don't really want.

Master Food Volunteer Barbara Spangler says today they are going to do an exercise where they divide up in small groups to plan a dinner. Each subgroup is responsible for coming up with a dish based on the weekly grocery ad specials. Pages rustle as eyes focus on the grocery store ads. "Look yogurt is on sale, should we add bananas?" This group comes up with a banana-strawberry parfait with granola for dessert by taking advantage of specials for everything they have chosen. The main course is a pork tenderloin. "Look it's \$1.68 a pound at Giant; that's a good price."

For today's demonstration, Do explains they will start out with a large can of kidney beans that are rinsed to remove the sodium and then dumped into a blender.

Spangler, who is preparing the bean dip, says, "And now we add three-quarters tsp. chili powder and one-eighth tsp. ground cumin. How many of you use cumin?" Half of the hands go up, declaring it is a wonderful flavor. "Next we blend until smooth and then add grated onion and 8 ounces of reduced fat grated cheddar cheese. The recipe is in your packet of materials."

Do explains the volunteers suggested adding the recipes that were demonstrated in the classes so the attendees could make the recipe at home.

"Now we turn on the blender. It whirrs but the beans barely stir in the bottom of the blender. There is a lot of stirring and much speculation about causes their problem and finally the common wisdom is to add some more liquid to make the beans mix together."

Do hands out a notepad with grocery lists to each member of the class. She says, "Next week I want you to keep track of what you make for this week's meals and we'll discuss it." Eyebrows go up. All of a sudden this has gone from hypothetical and fun to real and serious.

Vogel To Speak On Conservative Principles

State Sen. Jill Vogel from Fauquier County will speak at the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club's annual Membership Reception at 7 p.m., April 28, at the Alexandria Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. her topic will be: "Getting Our Mojo Back as a Party — Transforming Ideas into Action."

The club's Membership Reception honors the men and women who work for conservative principles. The event is open to the public, no charge.

Vogel, a third-term state senator representing the 27th state district, was named Champion of Justice by the Virginia Association of Commonwealth Attorneys. As an attorney Vogel also served as Deputy General Counsel at the Department of Energy. In addition, she is a wife, mother of six children and business owner.

The Commonwealth Republican Women's Club celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. Since its founding in 1961 the club has been an active proponent of Republican candidates and principles locally.

A group of young Alexandria women living in Parkfairfax were

the club's founders, and the club was originally called the Parkfairfax Republican Women's Club. The name changed after members moved to other neighborhoods, but the women continued to contribute their time and talent to Republican campaigning. In 1967, they helped elect Wiley Mitchell, the first Republican to the Alexandria City Council since Reconstruction.

One of the club's founding members, Jane Ring, an Alexandria Living Legend, remains active in the club. The current president is Laurie Kirby.

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State Sen. Jill Vogel

Dodson, Sparks To Wed

Lisa Houston Dodson and Jerry Wayne Dodson, of Holly Springs, Miss., announce the marriage of their daughter, Emily Gray, to Grant Adair Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lee Sparks of Alexandria.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Russell Gray Houston, Jr. and the late Eleanor Loretta Houston of Holly Springs, Miss., and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Aubrey Dodson of Holly Springs, Miss.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Capt. and Mrs. Winston Lee Adair of Williamsburg, Va., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arthur Sparks, Jr. of Williamsburg, Va.

Dodson was the valedictorian of the Marshall Academy Class of 2004. She graduated from Mississippi State University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Political Science and Leadership Studies. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. She continued her studies receiving a Master's of Public Policy and Administration in 2010. Dodson served as 2004 Holly Springs Pilgrimage Queen. She is currently a senior program manager with the International City/County Management Association in Washington, D.C.



Sparks is a 2004 graduate of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria and a 2008 graduate of James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Administration. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity. Sparks continued his studies at Clemson University earning a Master's of Urban Planning in 2015. He is currently the Transportation Planner for the City of Greenville, S.C.

The wedding will be held on Saturday, April 16, at the French Huguenot Church in Charleston, S.C. The Rev. Thomas Guerry will officiate the ceremony. After a honeymoon to Caneel Bay in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Greenville, S.C.



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Council Hears Ethics Pledge

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both the letter and the spirit of the law, and to treat others with professionalism, courtesy, and respect.

The pledge itself is fairly straightforward, but it comes with a series of additional obligations.

"We looked for ways of fostering a culture of ethics in Alexandria," said George Foote, chair of the committee. "If all we did [was write] a couple pieces of paper, we wouldn't have done very much. We ask of our members of council to spend time each year talking about ethical principles of your choice and at a time of your choosing. We also ask, once a year at an open meeting, that the subject of ethics is addressed."

A preliminary discussion of the code raised some objections from Vice Mayor Justin Wilson and others over the necessity of all board and commission

members to adopt the pledge, but the discussion was tame compared to earlier in the year.

"I do have some pause about applying this to all of the boards and commissions," said Wilson. "Those are volunteer positions... and I don't want to create something folks are going to bang people over the head illegitimately for."

The ethics pledge was one of the centerpieces of Mayor Allison Silberberg's 2015 mayoral campaign, but faced opposition from other members of City Council who expressed concerns that the concept could evolve into a House of Un-Alexandrian Affairs Committee. The new code of conduct pledge still needs to be reviewed by City Attorney James Banks and will be subject to public hearing.

— VERNON MILES

McAuliffe Visits City Hall for Veto

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permits, and that the bill would only have removed the need for training.

"Concealed carry bills are not the solution," said Evans. "Bringing firearms into a situation of domestic violence does not make the situation safer. The woman has a higher chance of being killed by the abuser if a gun is involved."

From her experience working with women in abusive situations, Evans said that most victims don't want to be armed, they want to be away from abu-

sive situations.

"The weapon intended to protect the victim can just as easily be used against them," said Evans. "This would have allowed more access to guns, both to victims and abusers. It would just make the situation more deadly."

Alexandria's domestic violence shelter offers bilingual services, is open 24 hours, and will never turn an Alexandria resident in imminent danger away. The phone number for the domestic violence hotline is 703-746-4911.

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Award Winning Connection Newspapers

Still striving to be the Connection to your community.

Connection Newspapers won dozens of awards from the Virginia Press Association for work done in 2015. Award winners were announced on Saturday, April 9, at an awards banquet in Richmond.

While the papers won awards in many categories, the common underpinning was community journalism, accessibility of information, and reporting on critical issues like transparency in government.

Thematically, the papers won multiple awards for stories and sections that were informative and helped make communities, events and resources more accessible to our readers.

Examples included Ken Moore's reporting on Robert Simon's role in Reston, which included coverage of Simon's 101st birthday, Simon's

ongoing influence, and his obituary. The series won first place.

Print newspaper obituaries play a vital role in local communities, reflected in Jeanne Theismann's first place award for three obituaries in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Earl Lloyd was born into "the cradle of segregation" yet persevered to become the first African American to break the color barrier in the NBA. Dr. Robert Wineland,—"Dr. Bob," was a WW II veteran and survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. He was a beloved local doctor for more than 60 years. And Ferdinand Day was the first African American to be elected to chair a public school board in the state of Virginia.

We are lucky to have cartoonist Steve Artley to skewer and edify many issues, including his first place cartoon that suggests Alexandria could solve parking and housing problems by placing both on barges in the Potomac River.

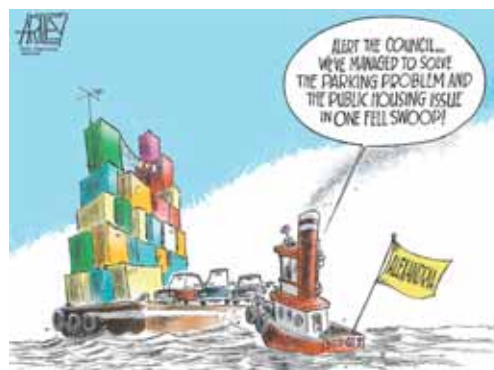
Jean Card, Renee Ruggles and Laurence Foong have collaborated over several years on the Insider's Guide to the Parks, which won awards in Mount Vernon and Vienna/Oakton, capping several awards for informational graphics.

Our Newcomers and Community Guide to Arlington was described as "Informative, well written, with good use of graphics." Winners included Steven Mauren, Eden Brown, Vernon Miles, Shirley Ruhe, Laurence Foong.

Sarai Johnson, Hope Nelson, Shirley Ruhe, and Steve Hibbard won second place for entertainment pages in the Alexandria Gazette Packet, weekly coverage of arts, entertainment, food and things to do in Alexandria.

Reporting on elections, the environment, health and fitness, and organizations that are designed to help others also

Fireworks light up the sky July 11, 2015 as musicians from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra play Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" to celebrate the 266th birthday of the City of Alexandria at Oronoco Bay Park. Award-winning photo by John Bordner.



Steve Artley, cartoonist, won first place for this cartoon in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. "Alert the council, we've managed to solve the parking problem and the public housing issue in one swoop."

garnered awards.

Kenny Lourie won for his ongoing column writing about living with cancer. Lourie both lives and writes with humor and perspective. The judge said, "Though filled with heavy subject matter, the author hooks readers by using his first-person perspective, humor and emotion to describe the events of his life. These columns grab your attention from the first paragraph."

Abigail Constantino's photo that shows the great aunt of Natasha McKenna at a protest of McKenna's death in custody, won second place for general news photo. Eudora Paul's sign displays McKenna's last words: "You promised you would not kill me."

Tim Peterson's coverage of McKenna's death won second place in In Depth/Investigative. Peterson garnered the most awards of any Connection staff member, winning seven.

Mary Kimm's editorials on lack of police transparency and local government accountability won second place for editorial writing.

Kemal Kurspahic's opinion pages in the Herndon Connection won third place.

Jeanne Theismann, whose profile includes that she "dreams of one day writing headlines for the New York Post," won second place for headline writing in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Headlines: Some Like It Haute, — story about the 10-year anniversary of a boutique warehouse sale; Soul Providers, a story about volunteers recognized for service to seniors; Something to Wine About,— on the opening of a new wine cellar; Luck Be a Lady,— on the opening of a new bath apothecary called Ladyburg; To the Rescue, about— a nonprofit started by firefighters to collect toys for underprivileged children.

— MARY KIMM

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AWARDS

- ❖ Ken Moore, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, First Place — Feature writing portfolio included a trip to the farmers market, remembrance of Latin teacher Christine Sleeper and celebration of the one-year birthday of the Silver Line.
- ❖ Marilyn Campbell, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place — Health, science and environmental writing

- ❖ Kenneth Lourie, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place — Column writing. Judge: "Though filled with heavy subject matter, the author hooks readers by using his first-person perspective, humor and emotion to describe the events of his life. These columns grab your attention from the first paragraph."
- ❖ Ken Moore, Oak Hill/Herndon

- Connection, Second Place — General news writing for election coverage. "Excellent coverage. ... Balanced and thorough. Effective at conveying why this is relevant for readers."
- ❖ Jon Roetman, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, Second Place — Sports writing portfolio.
- ❖ Kemal Kurspahic, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong, Mary Kimm, Oak

- Hill/ Herndon Connection, Third Place — Editorial pages
- ❖ Ken Moore, Reston Connection, First Place — Feature series or continuing story, on Reston founder Robert Simon. Judge's comment: "This was an in-depth series, very informative and interesting to read." Moore

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LETTERS

Help a Princess Be a Princess

To the Editor:

The Princess For a Night (PFAN) project is collecting dry-cleaned tuxedos, dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry, unused make-up (for example, sample cosmetics), and “nice” shopping bags through April 28. Donations can be dropped off at the T.C. Williams Main Office, 3330 King St., Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The generosity of women in the community has allowed young ladies across the region to attend prom without breaking the bank. In April, dresses and other prom essentials are collected at various drop-off points throughout the area. Then, in May, events are held at T.C. Williams High School and three other local high schools, where young ladies can select dresses, shoes, handbags and jewelry free of charge. In past years, more than 500 beautiful dresses (as well as shoes, jewelry, and handbags) were donated to the project. Each year the project has expanded to serve more and more students. The project especially needs dresses for full-figured young ladies (sizes 18+). Please do not donate velvet or wintry dresses, soiled items, outdated items, casual dresses or items for mature women, as they cannot be used. Cash and check donations are also needed. Checks can be made out to “Neediest Kids Fund” c/o Susan Parcell. If you know of a young lady in need of a dress, “shopping” and dress selection will take place at T.C. Williams on Friday, April 29, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-noon. Enter through the Chinquapin Drive entrance and follow the signs. Students will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. All students from throughout the Northern Virginia area are welcome. It is strongly recommended that parents accompany their daughters to participate in dress selection. Dresses are free, but donations will be accepted to support the ongoing project.

For latest updates please check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/princessfanight

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with the project, email eleanor.muse@acps.k12.va.us.

Susan Parcell
T.C. Williams High School

Reconsider Pre-K Center

To the Editor:

As part of its proposed remedy to address classroom overcrowding, the Alexandria City Public Schools has requested funding from City Council to create a “Pre-K Center” with the intention of relocating its 4-year-old preschoolers from neighborhood school buildings into a single building.

Over the past several weeks since this proposal was made public, I and many other members of our community have engaged in many conversations with members of the School Board and the City Council about this proposal. Based on these conversations, there is one thing about which we all agree: Our schools and our students need us to invest in them.

Where we continue to disagree is the plan to use a single, leased building in the short term (and two in the long term) to house classrooms for 360 or more at-risk 4-year-olds.

We appreciate the time that Chair Karen Graf, Vice Chair Chris Lewis, and the other members of the School Board have spent sharing their vision and the challenges they face regarding classroom and school building overcrowding. There is little doubt that there is already a classroom capacity challenge that, without action, will quickly grow into a crisis. We clearly need at least one new elementary school building, especially on the West End.

It is understandable why short-term leased space is proposed as a temporary solution to accommodate the 500 additional students expected to enroll in ACPS each year, as it will take time to locate a site and construct a new school building.

However, removing preschoolers to a single building, away from their neighborhoods, other children and familiar environments, creates new problems in the quest to solve other problems.

There is no developmental evidence that a site this large can be an effective and appropriate learning environment for young children.

Ample, authoritative research, conducted by well-respected educators, indicates that that inclusion rather than separation of children of mixed abilities and socio-economic status benefits all children. Additionally, the

school district’s plan puts at-risk students in a separate facility, away from the diverse student environments present today in our neighborhood schools.

While the school system already transports children outside their neighborhoods, it is not ideal, and doubling the number of 4-year-olds crisscrossing the city on school buses is certainly not an improvement. It is still not clear what models the School Board considered before proposing this particular plan, or why this particular model was chosen. What is clear is that the School Board is relying on the ACT/Early Childhood Education Workgroup to vet ideas and provide guidance.

We understand this workgroup was created by the School Board and City Council to support the Children Youth and Families Collaborative Commission in implementing the Children & Youth Master Plan as it applies to young children — not as a mechanism to vet and endorse programmatic proposals, to replace the input of other interested members of the community, or to sidestep the commission.

Our schools and our students need us to invest in them. They undoubtedly need at least what the School Board has asked for and then some. But we should be planning for the best option for all our children, not pitting the needs of older students against the needs of younger students. After all, the 4-year-olds are only 4 for a year. Then they become our 5-year-olds and ultimately our high schoolers.

Our littlest citizens need the investment of City Council. But they also need a different plan than separating these young, vulnerable children from their neighborhoods into a large, distant building, away from the very environments that help them to grow and excel.

Julie Jakopic
Chair, Board of Trustees
Hopkins House

Debacle at Patrick Henry

To the Editor:

After years of negligence in school maintenance, the city is now faced with the daunting task of renovating and rebuilding 12 of our schools at a staggering cost of \$1.5-plus

billion. It boggles the mind as to where those funds to maintain and renovate schools were finally allocated. Regardless of how the funds were squandered it is now time to begin the process to improve out school infrastructure so we can improve our academic standing. I have never been a big infrastructure guy — however our infrastructure is so damaged — a healthy infrastructure with adequate space, functioning utilities, windows in classrooms and standard facilities will greatly aid academic performance.

The first school on our list of rebuilds is Patrick Henry, a school which will be enlarged from 667 students to over 900 students. A school located right smack in a neighborhood and we need to expand its capacity by a third. The neighbors desired three things:

- ❖ To limit bus and car traffic on Latham Street.

- ❖ To keep as much of the well-used open space as possible.

- ❖ To have the school fit the neighborhood in architectural design and location.

So what happened?

In September of last year the recreation department decided it was in the neighborhood’s best interest to drop a 30,000-square-foot, city-serving recreation center on the neighborhood, three and a half times larger than what was previously present. According to Parks and Recreation staff, it would be outsourced for revenue, meaning we will rent it out a lot to pay for it. Bottom line: More congestion in the neighborhood.

Within a period of less than one month, the rec center options were presented to the community and it then came before the City Council for a vote. Councilman Smegberg vented his anger at a City Council meeting stating that whoever was a part in planning this project should be fired and the process needed to be redone. Now cut to 18,000 square feet, this proposal might seem like a victory but no — the center is still too large at twice the size of what was there and grows to 30,000 feet when the shared space with the school is included. It mimics a city rec-center not a neighborhood rec-center. It does not belong in a residential neighborhood. its operating budget is too expensive and its cost keeps growing.

Most recently the city and neighbors

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OPINION



STEVE ARTLEY/GAZETTE PACKET

AWARDS

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- covered several key moments, including celebration of Founder's Day 2015 and Simon's 101st birthday; later, Moore wrote Simon's obituary and covered the celebration of Simon's life.
- ❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles, Vienna/Oakton Connection, Second Place – Informational graphics, Connection Insiders Guide to the Parks.
- ❖ Mary Kimm, Great Falls Connection, Second Place – Editorial writing for multiple editorials on police transparency. Judge: "Brings important pressure to bear on people in power."
- ❖ Ken Moore, Great Falls Connection, Second Place – Health, science and environmental writing; stories covering issues of deer, cleanup of groundwater contamination from gas station and tree preservation. Judge: "Excellent and informative."
- ❖ Laurence Foong, Great Falls Connection, Third Place – Informational graphics, Map of Property Assessments. Judge: "A very interesting concept."
- ❖ Ken Moore, McLean Connection, Third Place – Feature writing portfolio. Judge: "Great reads on interesting topics. Who knew there was such a thing as pinball championship, especially out of someone's basement? Pull out information added neat and tidy facts and/or information."
- ❖ Abigail Constantino, Fairfax Connection, Second Place – General news photo, Natasha McKenna's great aunt holds a sign: "You promised you would not kill me." Judge: "Good capture of emotionally charged event."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Springfield Connection, Second Place – Personal service writing, coverage of three worthy causes. Judge: "This submission quickly makes the reader care about the causes championed in the stories. ... There was good detail presented in such a way as to make the reader want to donate to each of these causes by the end of the story — I was ready to get my checkbook out

- after reading each one."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Springfield Connection, Third Place – Government writing, coverage on aftermath of police shooting of John Geer, Virginia General Assembly. Judge: "A very comprehensive look at the Geer case was well-thought out and I was very impressed with the state legislature package."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Springfield Connection, Third Place – Public safety writing, stories on sex trafficking, police and fire department training and National Night Out. Judge: "Each of the stories in this submission is comprehensive in its handling of the topic, as well as engaging for the reader. The information offered is very good, and the presentation attractive. There was adequate space given to each story, which was then complemented by excellent artwork."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Burke Connection, Second Place – Education writing. Stories on School Board action on gender identity, graduation of triplets, and renovation of a local school. Judge: "All three stories had outstanding ledes. Quality writing and reporting."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Burke Connection, Third Place – Breaking news writing, about escape of prisoner from hospital and his recapture. Judge: "Excellent art, good storytelling."
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connection, Second Place – Business and financial writing. Stories on Goat Landscaping, sustainable farm, and a handcrafted greeting card company. Judge: "Good business stories with a great features twist. Very enjoyable stories."
- ❖ Steve Artley, Alexandria Gazette Packet, First Place – Illustration. Cartoon: "Alert the council, we've managed to solve the parking problem and the public housing issue in one swoop." Judge's comment: "Excellent image to poke fun at a growing problem. Excellently delivered in a single image."
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet, First Place – Personal service writing. Three obituaries: Earl Lloyd, Dr. Robert Wineland –and Ferdinand Day. Judge's comment: "... an outstanding job ... She provides a

- wonderful context to the lives of people who may be overlooked in the typical press. Her insights into these individuals reflects her research into the subject and her analysis of the character of that individual. When I go, I hope she writes about me."
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Second Place – Headlines. Judge: "Clever yet informative."
- ❖ John Bordner, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Feature photo, Fireworks light up the sky July 11, 2015 as musicians from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the 266th birthday of the City of Alexandria.
- ❖ Marilyn Campbell, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Personal service writing, stories on fitness.
- ❖ Sarai Johnson, Hope Nelson, Shirley Ruhe, Steve Hibbard, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Second Place – Entertainment pages
- ❖ Vernon Miles, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Third Place – Government writing
- ❖ Tim Peterson, Mount Vernon Gazette, Second Place – In-depth or investigative reporting on the death of Natasha McKenna, a 37-year-old woman with a history of mental who died while in custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Judge: "Painstaking, persuasive reconstruction of events leading to the death of a troubled woman. ... This careful, thorough reporting is welcome."
- ❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles, Mount Vernon Gazette, Third Place – Informational graphics, Connection Insiders Guide to the Parks
- ❖ Jean Card, Sarai Johnson, Steven Mauren, Arlington Connection, Second Place – Special edition, Children's Connection. Judge: "Clean, crisp, appealing. The design flowed throughout this section."
- ❖ Steven Mauren, Eden Brown, Vernon Miles, Shirley Ruhe, Laurence Foong, Arlington Connection, Third Place – Special edition, Newcomers and Community Guide. Judge: "Informative, well written, good use of graphics."



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LETTERS

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seemed to have reached a compromise with option A which incorporates no bus routes on Taney, but also includes a larger recreation center than is needed for the neighborhood, less open space and a “high use athletic field” that may be turfed, with no ban on future lights. The field currently at Patrick Henry is not a high-use field — some soccer and some lacrosse — it is a neighborhood field and as such should remain so.

Recently the Planning Commission and Moseley architects surprised the community when they developed and presented the new A.1 plan — a prototype of option A but with bus routes on Latham. The School Board, in its Thursday meeting, blasted the plan to allow buses on Latham.

My questions to the citizens are: Who is running this project? Why are the residents being ignored? Why would you want to devalue the neighborhood property values? Why do we build for rental revenue to pay for a rec-center when we can build to scale and build what we need and can afford? Is every renovation project going to be like this? The project is a debacle and an embarrassment. We need to start over and get it right.

William A Goff

Board Member, Seminary Hill

Remembering History, not Hate

To the Editor:

I would like to add something to a letter by Ellen Latane Tabb, “Unnecessary Expense” [Gazette Packet, April 7].

In her letter she said: For 50 years Fort Ward has presented frequent programs about the Union side, but there has not been equal city backed effort for the Confederate side although Alexandrians were Confederate leaning despite occupation

I was a member of two 17th Virginia re-enacting groups for eight years. First with Company “A” Alexandria Rifleman and later Company “D” Fairfax Rifles.

Both units participated in events held at Fort Ward. Those events included Christmas in Camp, Civil War camp events and a Celebration of the Birthday of Robert E. Lee.

The events were living histories that portrayed the lives of Civil War soldiers. Children and adults all gained a great knowledge of how those soldiers trained and lived.

Sometimes we would have children take the oath of enlistment, pay them in printed Confederate money, give them carved out wooden rifles and teach them how to drill.

It did not matter that we wore uniforms of gray. Those children had a history lesson that they do not get in school.

The staff at Fort Ward was always happy when we agreed to participate in events and were even given top billing in flyers promoting them.

Re-enactors promote history not hate. Our history should be told and remembered for what it is, history good or bad.

Everett W. Squires

Alexandria

Let Bygones Be Bygones

To the Editor:

Perhaps the biggest argument for changing a street name would be the one named after Jefferson Davis. As the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis had a major impact on history from believing in the superiority of the white race (also Abraham Lincoln’s stance) to leading the horrific war against the North.

However after much ado, on Feb. 26, 1868 the government dismissed all indictments for treason against Davis. Can’t we Alexandrians dismiss our condemnations against him?

What’s more, many other famous national leaders were slave owners including George Washington, James Madison, Andrew Jackson, Zachary Taylor, and Thomas Jefferson. The latter, as you know, was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence which states that “All men are created equal.” Are we going to rename Thomas Jefferson High School?

Perhaps we could learn from Jefferson Davis who, in his later years, saw the future of the South in his young people. “He urged them to hold dear their Confederate heritage, but not let the past entrap them.”

Susan Cavanaugh

Alexandria

Between All or None

To the Editor:

This is in reference to the Letter to the Editor (April 6, 2016) entitled “Unnecessary Expense.” We seem to be at the crossroads of history between “all or none.”

There are citizens legitimately outraged by the lingering racial heritage of slavery and how it is displayed in public space. Referring to Confederate soldiers who “died to protect their state, homes and loved ones from invaders” is insensitive. They died to maintain a Southern way of life including protecting their property — thousands of enslaved African Americans. Characterizing the City Council’s efforts as ignominious and misguided does not contribute to a reasonable discussion.

There is a common heritage that should be shared. History will not correct the sins of the past. However, if the story of the Civil War is told accurately and respectfully we do not have to be defensive or ashamed. We and our children will be better off knowing the tragic events that transformed our great country.

As a community we can find common ground. There were people who were racist, white supremacist who should not be glorified on holidays, in the public square or on street signs. Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway makes sense. Quantrell Avenue off of Beauregard named after the Confederate pro-slavery guerilla leader who “murdered and burned out Missouri Unionist” (James M. McPherson) should be renamed. Not all Confederate street names should be replaced.



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Save Our Ship Tours

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They are a reminder of a different time and place and will continue to be part of Virginia history. However, there is middle ground between “all or none.”

Dave Cavanaugh

Alexandria

Calling Their Bluff

To the Editor:

Many years ago, an extended family member was killed in the course of a hotel robbery while she was on vacation in Florida. So, I am in the universe of people who want to see fewer guns available for criminals to access. Unfortunately, the National Rifle Association (a.k.a. NRA) doesn’t agree.

That’s why I want to applaud my congressman, Don Beyer, for introducing the ATF Enforcement Act. As Rep. Beyer notes, this bill is aimed at eliminating the barriers put up by the same NRA advocates who claim no new laws are needed because all that need be done is to fully enforce the ones already on the books.

Of course, it won’t be put on the floor for a vote, let alone pass, but it’s a great way to change the conversation and put the NRA on the defensive.

At a minimum, calling the NRA’s bluff may get them to change their hypocritical talking points and admit they don’t want the laws enforced or government to do anything to attempt to reduce gun deaths in our nation.

As we all know, the NRA is a tool of the gun manufacturers who use it to inflame the public into buying more and more guns. Gun manufacturers care about three types of buyers most.

One group is law-abiding citizens who love guns and buy lots of them for hunting, tar-

get shooting, collections or safe fun. Another group buys one or more guns for what they perceive is a necessary tool to protect themselves and/or their families from harm. The NRA has spent much effort to expand this market by encouraging fear. Finally, there are the criminals who buy lots of guns so they can be sold on the black market to other criminals.

Unfortunately, with so many guns in the country, it’s inevitable that non-criminals will end up killing themselves or others due to the fact that guns make killing so easy and human beings are emotional, often unwise in how they secure them and/or subject to stress or greater mental impairment.

One would think that in order to keep the sale of guns flowing efficiently, the industry would want to take actions to reduce or prevent these types of deaths.

Yet, these are the deaths that promote the sale of guns to those who live in fear and have been convinced that buying a gun themselves is a better solution than reducing the easy availability of guns to the broader public. As well, the industry has a stake in seeing that its black market to criminals not be diminished, which is why this bill won’t pass.

Fortunately, the American people are beginning to see through this gun industry scheme that makes them small fortunes at the expense of our lives, well-being and feeling of safety in our society. Eventually, as we have done with cigarettes and as we are doing more and more with alcohol combining with cars and trucks, we will act. Tragically, it will likely take many more otherwise avoidable murders, accidents (one child a week, experts say) and suicides before we reach that point.

Paul A. Friedman

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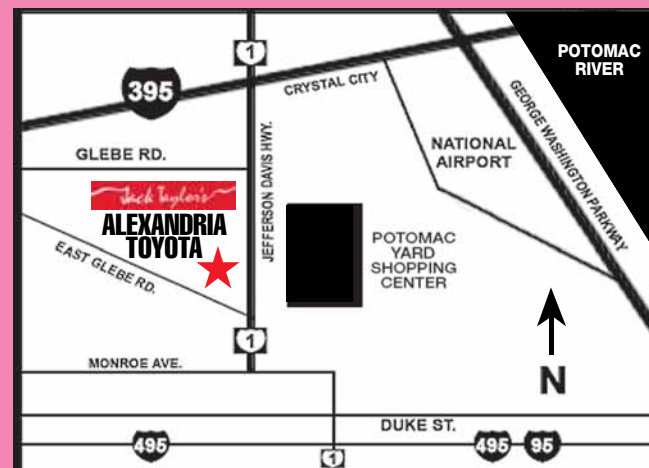


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Meet the Chef: Pawel Podbielski

The Making of Filet de boeuf Wellington

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Chef Pawel Podbielski sprinkles flour on the counter so the pastry won't stick. He is making Filet de boeuf Wellington, a customer favorite, at Le Refuge on Washington Street. "Last Saturday night I made 12 of these and they all sold out," he says. "I'm getting this pan nice and hot and then I'll add Kaola gold oil because it's no trans fat and has a buttery taste."

He has portioned out pre-cut whole tenderloins, puts a little salt and pepper on both sides and then sears each side to rare. "Now I'll let it rest for about an hour so it won't make the pastry soggy." Podbielski heats up an adjoining skillet and tosses in white mushrooms. "Another minute and a half just to get good color." He strains off the oil and adds a bit of veal demi glace to coat the mushrooms.

"While the meat is resting it gives me time to get the egg wash ready." The whites of five eggs slip through his fingers into a bowl as he whisks 2 yolks and three whole eggs together for the wash. "I'll probably use the whites for meringues." The skillet on the stove has been replaced with a large saucepan bubbling with chunks of potato, cucumber and onion with a splash of vinegar for the cucumber soup, on today's menu as part of the cold soup trio. "The trio includes a small cup of red pepper, gazpacho and cucumber soup." Victor Flores places large red peppers directly on the flames of two burners to give them a nice crust. Then they will be submerged in an ice bath so the skins will slip off easily.

Hugh Fregnan is sautéing shredded purple and white cabbage in one skillet and slices of zucchini in another for the side dish to accompany the Wellington. "It will be on the plate with a little pureed carrot," Podbielski said. Podbielski visits the oven and pulls out a large tray of pate au choux that will be filled with ice cream and splashed with chocolate sauce for dessert.

Podbielski moves to the counter and places two tenderloins side by side on one of the pastry sheets. He reaches for a small square of duck mousse. "When we get whole ducks in, we make the mousse in house."

He spoons a layer of mushrooms on top of the mousse and folds a second pastry sheet over the tenderloins, tamping it down to get the air out. With a small pizza cutter Podbielski cuts around the tenderloin to make a circle, brushing the top with egg wash to give a nice color. Then, he cuts a small crescent to pinch in a design on the top of the crust. "I like to make them look nice."

"I'll brush butter on the cooking platter so the pastry won't stick; I'm pretty generous. Then I'll put it in a 400-degree oven for as long as the customer ordered. If they want it rare, it's in the oven just until the outside is a nice golden brown. If they order it well done, we walk a tightrope on the pastry getting burned." He finishes it off with a ladle of madeira sauce and the side of cabbage and zucchini.

"We have a lot of regulars who order the same thing every time. More power to them. Sometimes we get particular orders and we go above and beyond to satisfy them." Fregnan adds, "We have a group that comes in once or twice a week and we make special order potatoes for them."

Podbielski says he has been at Le Refuge about eight months. He came from a few other places including Monty's Steak House and most recently To Your Taste Catering. "I went to school to learn how to fix cars and worked in a shop for a while but that wasn't for me. I fell into restaurant work and loved it. But if you'd ask me what I was going to do in high school, I'd never have said a chef."

Jean Francois Chaufour, owner of Le Refuge for 33 years, shakes his head. Today part of the electricity went off and the three dozen soft-shelled crabs for the lunch special haven't arrived yet. Chaufour arrived in America from Beaugency France in 1976. He worked in D.C. as a waiter with his wife Francois and then became owner of Le Refuge, because he explains, "in France they don't give young people a chance. It's much better here."



Sears five-ounce tenderloins and white mushrooms



Brushes egg wash on pastry, below: decoratif on each Wellington



Right: Plates up sautéed cabbage and zucchini side. Below: Grand finale madeira sauce



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ONGOING

Exhibit: "Intersection of Art and Architecture." Through April 16,

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gallery hours at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. For National Architecture Week, the American Institute of Architects will have a display in the main hall featuring architectural designs created by institute members. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Save Our Ship Tours. Through April 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every 30 minutes. Special behind-the-scenes tours are

being offered of an 18th-century ship, before it is moved to a conservation facility. Reservations required, \$10 suggested donation. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov/SelectEvent.aspx.

"Honk Junior: A Children's Musical." Through April 16, 5 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Carl Sandburg Theater Arts Department, 8428 Fort

Hunt Road. This musical is based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. Tickets are \$5. Contact joycewn@gmail.com for more.

Georgia Nassikas: "Oils and Encaustics." Through April 24, Thursday, Friday, Sunday 12-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. In her wax and oil paintings, artist Nassikas explores the intersection of the abstract and the representational.

She focuses on the elemental lines, shapes, and colors at the core of nature. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "It's Black and White!" Through April 24, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery (TAG), 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery will feature two member artists in "It's Black and White!" in a complementary scheme of black and white rendered in

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two-dimensional and three-dimensional work. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: Through April 24, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. Ethiopian artist Daniel Taye will display his art. Taye is known for landscape, abstract and figurative work. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

Broadway Gallery April Artist Showcase. Through April 27, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Featured will be the pastel and mixed media paintings of local artist, Lynn Goldstein. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net for more.

Art Exhibit: "The Shape of Water." Through April 30, gallery hours at Sonoma Cellar, 207 King St. "The Shape of Water" features paintings by Oenone Hammersley. Free. Visit www.oenonehammersley.com for more.

Exhibit: "Creatures from the Sea." Through May 1, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans interpret real and imagined "Creatures from the Sea." Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit: "Misfits." Through May 1, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Teresa Oaxaca's latest paintings blend together portraiture and still life in elaborate, tightly cropped compositions. The modern master poses 21st Century individuals in Victorian and Baroque costumes, paired with dolls, bones, teacups, fresh flowers, and masks. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Spring 2016 City of Alexandria Tree Sale. Through May 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave.

Trees and shrubs available for purchase include White Oak, Scarlet Oak, American Holly, Flameleaf Sumac, Eastern Red-Cedar, Maple Leaf Viburnum, Blackhaw Viburnum, and American Sweetgum. All trees are \$20. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

DASH for the STASH. Through May 15. Learn about investing with DASH for the STASH, an investor education contest hosted by the Alexandria Library. Read four game posters at any Alexandria Library location, get a quiz question related to each, and submit your answers to have a chance at winning a \$1,000 retirement investment. Game posters are on display at all Alexandria Library locations. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more. www.532yoga.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 15

Space Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children are invited to a space-themed storytime as part of "All Alexandria Reads." The picture book selection "Mousetronaut" by Mark Kelly will be read. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

Spring Sportsfest. 5:45 p.m. girls' soccer, 6:30 p.m. baseball and softball, 7:30 boys soccer at West

Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Watch four simultaneous games, meet the athletes, and more. Although adults will get charged the usual \$5, they will only pay that once if they decide to move amongst the sports (those who paid for the annual pass will get in free). All West Potomac students will be admitted for \$1 if they bring a canned good (free if they are a passholder and bring a canned good). Admission is free for younger children if they wear a school or youth sport shirt. Email jonwillmott@yahoo.com.

Twilight Time. 7-8 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Over the years, Historic Huntley was used as a summer retreat, grain farm, and an encampment for the troops of the 3rd Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. It was eventually converted to a dairy farm but later abandoned. See the restored house and learn about its history during this program for adults. The cost is \$6. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm.

Community Swing Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 15-16

"Hairspray Jr." 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, additional 1 p.m. performance on Saturday at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. GWMS presents Hairspray Jr. inspired by Baltimore's John Waters original film, adapted for the stage by Thomas Meehan, Mark O'Donnell, Marc Shaiman, and Scott Whitman and directed by

Robert McDonough. Tickets are \$5. Contact Robert McDonough at robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us.

"Guys and Dolls." 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theatre students perform the musical "Guys and Dolls." Tickets are \$7 for students, \$8 for seniors, military, and Mount Vernon High staff, and \$10 for everyone else. Visit www.mvstheatrearts.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Fashion Show Luncheon. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Event begins with shopping and silent auction followed by buffet, fashion shows, and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.aldersgate.net for more.

Film Screening: "The Right Stuff." 1 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. In honor of 2016 All Alexandria Reads choice, "The Astronaut Wives Club" by Lily Koppel, watch the film adaptation of Tom Wolfe's book, "The Right Stuff." Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Huntley Farm Day. 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Find baby animals from Frying Pan Park, homemade ice cream, story-telling, and re-enactors. This prominent farming family owned Historic Huntley from 1868-1946. Tour the house, and stop by the various information stations highlighting local farming history, such as the Woodlawn Agricultural Society and Green Spring Gardens. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Call 703-768-2525 for more.

Planet Fitness Ribbon-Cutting. 2

p.m. at 8796D Sacramento Drive. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held with giveaways, raffles and food. Free. Visit www.planetfitness.com.

Military Appreciation Night. 5 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road. Hayfield School Boys Lacrosse hosts 2nd annual Military Appreciation Night. The event will also raise funds for Fisher House at Fort Belvoir, a "home away from home" for military families when a loved one is undergoing medical treatment." Last year the event raised over \$800 for Fisher House, and Hayfield Boys' Lacrosse hopes to raise over \$1,000 this year. Free admission will be offered to all military members and dependents with valid military ID. Young military dependents without ID must enter the stadium with military parent/guardian. Admission is \$5, free for children under 6 and seniors over 60. Visit www.hawksathletics.org.

John Smith. 7 p.m. at Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Folk musician John Smith has released seven solo albums. Tickets are \$18, \$15 in advance and for Focus Music members. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

APRIL 16-MAY 29

Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now." Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Kellner's site-responsive Paintings in Space use the room as a canvas. She creates organic, ethereal forms from silk. Viewers experience the intimacy of being absorbed with a room-sized painting. This is the first exhibition as part of the Target Gallery's New Media Invitational and is funded, in part, by March150 participants. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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APRIL 16-JUNE 30

The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery:

“Circuitous Roots.” Gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Brahler Ltd./Gallery, announces the Opening of an Exhibition, “Circuitous Roots: A Celebration of Art” at George Washington’s River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, including Vladimir Ovchinnikov, Yuri Kokoyanin, Nikolai Antuychin, Armen Kankanian, Tatyana Zhurkov, Otari Shiuk, Mark Coffey, Nathan Leibowitz, and James Mathias Sanders as well as Liberal Studies’ Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katakina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686.

SUNDAY/APRIL 17

Wagon Ride. 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Journey through less visited areas of the park to discover the historic role this area once played from World War II through the Cold War. Tickets are \$7. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The music of the contemporary flute and guitar duo MIN features flutist Sais Kamalidiin and guitarist Rick Peralta performing a chamber music program. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

NOVA Community Chorus. 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. NOVA Community Chorus (Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director) will join the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra to present a concert of music to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-845-6097 or email mwhitmire@nvcc.edu.

MONDAY/APRIL 18

Family Genealogy. 2-3:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn some tricks of the trade when it comes to genealogical searches. Get tips on how to start or advance a genealogical exploration to learn about ancestors and discover their stories. The cost is \$30. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm.

Film Screening: “Home.” 4 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Worlds collide when Oh, a life form from another planet, befriends a human girl named Tip. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Lecture: “The Women’s Movement in the 1960s.” 7 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. A lecture by Dr. Leigh Johnson, Interim Director of Composition at Marymount University, who will speak on the elements that contributed to the early second-wave Women’s Movement. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 19

Creative Exploration Open Studio. 10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Children and parents are invited to learn simple art techniques together. Each workshop is \$30 for parent/caregiver and child. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes/.

Genealogy and Maps. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Tracking five

generations of a family as it migrates across the country, genealogist Sharon Cook MacInnes, Ph.D., talks about using maps to locate ancestors, track migrations, reveal family relationships, and uncover historical context. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

Train Like an Astronaut. 3:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Get moving with NASA-inspired activities used to exercise the same body parts as astronauts do in training and on missions in space. Grades K-5. Free. Call 703-746-1721.

Mount Vernon Lions Meeting. 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner at Pema’s Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway. Learn what the Lions do for the community. Call Andrea Corsillo 703-960-4973.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 20

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Speaker will be Terry Tkeciak, who will be discussing pearls, their qualities, size, luster, nacre and color. She will also suggest the best ways to take care of pearls and how to spot fakes. Free. Call 703-360-4979.

Sister Cities Spring Soiree. 5:30 p.m. at La Bergerie, 218 N. Lee St. Laurent Janowsky, owner of the renowned La Bergerie restaurant and wine distributor Olivier Lotterie, formerly of Caen, will team up to pair dishes with French wines. With special guest, Deputy Mayor of Caen, Catherine Prada. Tickets are \$50. Visit alexcaenspringsoiree.eventbrite.com.

Save Our Ship Happy Hour. 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Spend an evening on the historic waterfront during Alexandria’s Spring2Action Giving Day aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company’s Miss Christin. Enjoy appetizers from King Street Blues, a cash bar, and join the “A” fleet launching their Donation Power Hour to raise funds to save a recently discovered 18th century ship. Free, \$10 suggested donation. Visit spring2action.razoo.com/Saveourship.

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick’s Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. All Wheel Jive will provide the music. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 20-23

Duncan Library Book Sale. 7-9 p.m. Wednesday preview, 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Friday, 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Thousands of books for sale, most between \$1-\$3. Adult, teen and kids books, plus CDs and DVDs. New selections put out daily. All proceeds benefit the Duncan Library; sponsored by Friends of the Duncan Library. Free. Email duncanbooksale@gmail.com.

APRIL 21-MAY 29

“Black Pearl Sings!” 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Black Pearl Sings! is about two women in Depression-era Texas: an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist, searching for the African roots of slave songs, and the discovery of the musical gifts of an African American woman. Tickets are \$55-60. Visit www.metrostage.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 22

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool

games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the “Aqua Challenge” floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

“Phantom of the Opera.” 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. Watch the restored 1929 silent horror masterpiece “The Phantom of the Opera” with live improvisation by acclaimed organist Dorothy Papadokos. Not for children younger than 10. Free. Visit www.vts.edu for more.

Concertos by Mozart. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. The Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra will be joined by hornist Tim Huizenga, clarinetist Parker Gaimes and pianist John McCrary. Each will perform a concerto by Mozart. Free, but donations accepted. Call 703-998-6100 Ext: 103.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 22-23

“Hairspray Jr.” 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, additional 1 p.m. performance on Saturday at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. GWMS presents Hairspray Jr. inspired by Baltimore’s John Waters original film, adapted for the stage by Thomas Meehan, Mark O’Donnell, Marc Shaiman, and Scott Whitman and directed by Robert McDonough. Tickets are \$5. Contact Robert McDonough at robert.mcdonough@acps.k12.va.us.

SATURDAY/APRIL 23

Fort Hunt Preschool Rummage Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1909 Windmill Lane. Find baby and children’s clothes, toys, books, and more. Free to attend. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com for more.

Carlyle House Herb & Craft Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Stock up on herbs and other plants grown in Mount Vernon greenhouses. Check out the selection of items offered by local artisans and crafters. Browse through gently used coffee-table, children’s and audio books. Enjoy performances by local musicians. This event is free, however admission to the Carlyle House museum is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Raptor Rapture. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Belle Haven Park, 1201 Bell Haven Road. See live raptors that were injured and have been rehabilitated, but cannot survive on their own. Free. Visit www.fodm.org for more.

83rd Annual Alexandria Historic Homes & Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria. Celebrating the 83rd anniversary of Historic Garden Week in Virginia, this tour features privately owned Old Town homes and gardens plus historic properties like the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, Carlyle House Historic Park and George Washington’s Mount Vernon. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 day of, \$25 for single-site tours. Visit www.vagardenweek.org for more.

Nu Xi Zeta Honors Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ft. Belvoir Officer’s Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Nu Xi Zeta Chapter and the Nu Xi Zeta Helping Alexandria Virginia Excel Foundation will award scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from Arlington County or the City of Alexandria at their annual luncheon Nu Xi Zeta Honors, “30 Years and Counting: A Celebration of Partnership, Leadership, and Friendship.” Tickets are \$65. Email

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Screening: "An American in Paris."

1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch 1951 Gene Kelly musical. Free. Visit www.alexsym.org for more.

Program: Herb Gardening.

1:30-3 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Green Spring Master Gardeners will teach participants how to choose and care for the best annual and perennial herbs that will flourish in your garden or container. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library for more.

String Players of the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. A string quartet, solo, and a large string ensemble. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, free for students 18 and under. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net/events for more.

Lloyd Cole.

7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performer Lloyd Cole presents a show titled "2016: My Retrospective Year." \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com.



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217 S. Fairfax St.

Virginia Garden Week is April 23-30

On April 23, Old Town Alexandria will be home to one of dozens of tours throughout Virginia 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit the following sites:

❖ **320 S. Fairfax St.** Built in the late 1800s by Alexander Lyles, this traditional clapboard home is typical of the 19th-century style found in Old Town Alexandria.

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Above and Beyond

Chamber to present 2016 Valor Awards.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It was Halloween night when Alexandria police officers Matthew Barnickle and Richard Vergara were dispatched to the scene of a motor vehicle crash. When they arrived, they found a car on fire with reports of a passenger trapped inside.

As other officers and first responders arrived on the scene, Barnickle and Vergara ran towards the smoke-filled vehicle only to discover that the driver was unconscious and the doors were locked.

At the same time, the car's wheels were spinning as the weight of the driver continued to press on the gas pedal. Halted only by a second vehicle that had been hit in the crash, the car slowly inched forward as black smoke continued to overtake the scene.

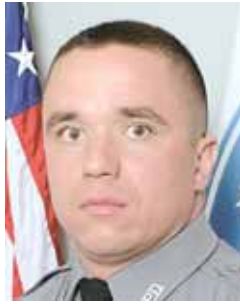
Barnickle acted quickly, breaking a rear window so that he and Vergara could unlock the vehicle, release the driver's seat belt and remove the unconscious driver just moments before it was entirely engulfed in flames.

On April 20, Barnickle and Vergara will be presented Silver Medals for their heroism as the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce honors the city's first responders at the annual Public Safety Valor Awards.

Sponsored by Inova Alexandria Hospital, the awards program honors personnel from the Alexan-



Matthew Barnickle
Silver Medal



Richard Vergara
Silver Medal

dria Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office for exemplary actions that go above and beyond the call of duty.

Other honorees include Officer Stephen Riley, who will receive a Bronze Medal for diffusing a life-threatening domestic violence situation on New Year's Day, 2015.

Life Saving Awards will be presented to Deputy Cinie Bearden, Firefighter Kristina Holt, Deputy Myrna Juarez, Deputy Manuel Lee, Officer Jonatten Lopez, Officer Alexa Mastrostefano, Deputy Devon Neckles, Deputy Joseph Runquist, Officer Carl Stowe and Captain Jason Wehmeyer.

Certificates of Valor honorees include Sergeant Daniel Plank, Sergeant Patrick Taylor and Captain Wells Wilson.

The 2016 Valor Award, hosted by News4 Today anchor Eun Yang, will take place April 20 at Belle Haven Country Club at 11:30 a.m. For tickets or more information call 703-549-1000 or visit www.alexchamber.com.



Stephen Riley
Bronze Medal



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Life Saving Award



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Historic Garden Week in Virginia

Elegant homes and gardens in Old Town, Arlington and Falls Church will be open to the public.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Historic Garden Week

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Old Town Alexandria

Saturday, April 23, 2016

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by The Hunting Creek Garden Club and The Garden Club of Alexandria

For more information: oldtownalexandria@vagardenweek.org or visit <http://www.vagardenweek.org>

Falls Church-Arlington

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by the Garden Club of Fairfax
<http://gardencluboffairfax.blogspot.com/>

Some of the most spectacular gardens will be in bloom and on display during the 83rd annual Historic Garden Week in Virginia. The statewide event will include 30 different tours of more than 200 homes and gardens. Old Town Alexandria and Arlington, Falls Church and Fairfax County are participating in the Northern Virginia tours.

"These houses are historic and they all reflect the homeowners' personalities and interests," said Catherine Thompson of the Hunting Creek Garden Club in Alexandria. "Some are owned by young families. Some have small gardens and some have large gardens."

The Hunting Creek Garden Club teamed up with The Garden Club of Alexandria to organize the Old Town tour, a walking tour which includes five row houses with courtyard gardens. In addition to the private homes, which were all built during the 1700s and 1800s and still retain many original architectural features, tour goers will have access to the Carlyle House Historic Park, Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, George Mason's Gunston Hall and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens.

"They are all really wonderful and beautiful homes and gardens and we feel very lucky to have them on the tour," said Thompson. "The homes are within two to three blocks of each other, so unlike some other [areas], we run a walking tour."

From large oak trees planted shortly after the Civil War and gardens bursting with colorful blooms from hydrangeas, camellias, rhododendron, crepe myrtles and wisteria to homes with views of the Potomac River and clematis flowing over a pergola, visitors



This courtyard garden features sculptures created by the homeowner.

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Historic Garden Week

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will be treated to vivid spring displays as five Old Town residents open both their homes and gardens.

"People don't expect to have these amazing gardens behind these homes that can appear tiny from outside," said Amy Bertles of the Hunting Creek Garden Club. "One home has two gardens with amazing sculptures that were done by the home owner who is an artist. She decorated her garden with a few of her sculptures."

In Arlington and Falls Church, Gothic Revival, Greek Revival, Arts and Crafts and Victorian architecture await visitors who take the tour hosted by the Garden club of Fairfax. The gardens include four 100-year old holly trees, an herb garden and a garden of Victorian-era plants. Two of the homes are on the National Register of Historic Places and are Virginia Historic Landmarks. The tour also includes visits to Mason Neck State Park, Gulf Branch Nature Center and The Falls Church.

Properties are chosen for the tour by local garden clubs. "They're looking for properties that they know the public will enjoy," said Karen Miller Ellsworth of the Garden Club of Virginia and director of Historic Garden Week. "They're looking for beautiful interiors, an interesting history and a really nice garden."

"They are all really wonderful and beautiful homes and gardens and we feel very lucky to have them on the tour."

— Catherine Thompson of the Hunting Creek Garden Club

In addition to its aesthetic appeal, Historic Garden Week, which 3,300 Garden Club of Virginia members spend more than a year planning, has a significant economic impact. "[Visitors] travel from 30 states and foreign countries and 25 percent ... spend the night and average \$1,207 on their [Historic Garden Week] trip," said Miller Ellsworth. "As a group, they spend \$2 million in Virginia each spring. The cumulative economic impact over the last 45 years is an impressive \$425 million."

Historic Garden Week began in 1927 when the Garden Club of Virginia organized a flower show and raised \$7,000 to save trees planted by Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. Money raised from the Historic Garden Week tours fund the restoration and preservation of nearly 50 of the Commonwealth's significant historic public gardens as well as a new initiative with Virginia's state parks.

Old Town tour tickets are \$45. Group tours for 10 or more people are \$40 per person. Single-site tickets are \$25. Tickets may be purchased on tour day at any of the homes and at the Alexandria Visitors Center. Advance tickets are available for \$40 per person at www.vagardenweek.org and at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St., Alexandria.

Arlington-Falls Church tickets can be purchased online by credit card until April 24 by visiting <http://gardencluboffairfax.blogspot.com/> or www.vagardenweek.org/main/tickets. www.vagardenweek.org/

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Jones, James Combine for 30 Points at Nova Challenge

T.C. Williams guards compete for Fairfax South All-Stars.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Tavaris James felt somewhat overwhelmed by the media attention surrounding the dmstream.com Nova Classic, an event featuring some of the top high school senior basketball players in Northern Virginia competing in two all-star games, a 3-point shootout and a dunk contest.

Once the action started, however, the T.C. Williams guard settled in nicely.

James and T.C. Williams teammate Jordan Jones combined to score 30 points for the Fairfax South All-Stars, which lost to the Prince William All-Stars 110-107 on April

10 at Marshall High School.

James, who said he will likely play football in college, scored 14 points on 6-for-14 shooting and grabbed five rebounds. He averaged 18 points per game during the season and earned first-team All-Conference 7 and second team All-6A North region honors.

"During warmups it was kind of overwhelming," James said about the media attention surrounding the event, which was broadcast live, "but as soon as the game started you just block it out [and] focus on the game."

Jones finished with 16 points, seven rebounds and three steals. He shot 6-for-16 from the field, including 4-for-9 from 3-point range. Jones, who said he will likely play basketball at a community college next year, averaged 16 points during the season and was a second-team all-conference selection.

"I felt great," Jones said. "I knew I could shoot it, so I was going to shoot it."



T.C. Williams senior Jordan Jones scored 16 points for the Fairfax South All-Stars.



T.C. Williams senior Tavaris James scored 14 points for the Fairfax South All-Stars.

Ireton Girls' Lax Falls Short Against Elite Competition

Nationally-ranked Cardinals suffer first losses of season.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

After winning eight straight games to open the season, the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team faced two of the nation's top programs in a four-day span.

The Cardinals came out with a pair of losses, but remain undeterred in their focus on winning a pair of championships in May.

Ireton, the No. 6-ranked team in the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine national poll, hosted No. 1 McDonogh on April 11. The Cardinals led briefly, 2-1, before the Eagles scored 10

straight goals to take control of the game on their way to an 18-8 victory.

McDonogh held a 20-8 advantage in draw controls.

"Just like we say before every face off: 'You get the draw, you get the goal,'" Ireton head coach Rick Sofield said. "They got the draws, they got the goals. The game's really not all that complicated. The kid they have at center, Maddie Jenner, did a great job, she really did. ... If you told me before the game we were going to lose draws 20-8, I would have been able to predict the score at the end of the game."

McDonogh led 13-4 at halftime and led by at least eight goals for the entire second half. "They're versatile everywhere, but I think today really cemented that [the] draw is everything and I think sometimes we take that for granted," Ireton junior Kayla Duperrouzel said. "That is the game-

changer. If we would have even played them 50-50 on the draws with who got the possession, I think it would have been a completely different game."

Duperrouzel finished with one goal and three assists. Senior Kelly Larkin led the Cardinals with four goals. Sophomore Lexi Ledoyen had two goals and junior Kayla Marshall had one. "The times that did we have possession, I felt like we played really well," Larkin said. "We worked the ball around, worked together and we got a lot of shots off and goals."

With McDonogh stalling near the end of the game, Sofield twice pulled the Ireton goalkeeper in an attempt to pressure the ball. Each time, the Eagles scored a goal.

"As I told these girls after the game, 'If you think I'm OK hanging back and just being satisfied only losing by eight or nine goals and letting them stall the last 5 minutes, you have no idea what this team is about,'" Sofield said. "We compete for 50 minutes, we want to get the ball for 50 minutes and we play an entire 50 minutes. I'd rather lose by 30 trying to go get the ball back, instead of being satisfied with an eight- or nine-goal loss where we let them stall for 5 minutes."

Sofield said he was pleased with the way the Cardinals continued to compete despite McDonogh leading by 10 goals in the first half, which triggers a running clock.

On April 8, Ireton hosted WCAC foe Good Counsel, which is ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Cardinals trailed 8-4 at halftime, but pulled within one in the second half before falling 9-7.

"I think we did great [against Good Counsel]," Duperrouzel said after the McDonogh game. "I think our defense did amazing. It wasn't one of our attack's best games, but I think we showed that we're right there with



Kelly Larkin and the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team recently suffered their first losses of the season, falling to Good Counsel (pictured) on April 8 and McDonogh on April 11.

them."

Sofield said the Cardinals understand facing top teams will help them come playoff time, but the losses should still bother the players.

"We talk about playing the best teams in the country to get ourselves ready to play in May," he said. "That said, they would not be kids I would want on my team if they weren't angry after a 10-goal loss. They should be angry, they're competitors. If they're OK, if this doesn't bother them, they don't belong on this team."

Ireton responded with an 18-6 win over Elizabeth Seton on Tuesday, improving the team's record to 9-2. The Cardinals will host St. Mary's Ryken at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. "Every year we have the hardest schedule out there that we could possibly get and we know each game is a challenge," Duperrouzel said. "We're not concerned with the wins and losses of the regular season. Everything is just building up to those playoff games. We'd rather lose to an amazing team than play an easy schedule because everything is making us better for May."

Alexandria Aces Prepare for Season

In June, the Alexandria Aces will be starting their ninth season in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. Returning to the lead the team is David DeSilva who is in his fifth year with the Alexandria Aces and his fourth as the Head Coach.

In his first season as Head Coach in 2013, DeSilva led the Aces to a team-best 27-17 record in the regular season, earning the number two seed in the CRCBL playoffs. There the team earned its first ever playoff victory. In 2014, the team finished tied for fourth in the league with a 23-17 record, again making the playoffs but falling just short of a championship title.

Last season, the Aces finished with a

19-21 record and just one game shy of the postseason. After only three seasons, DeSilva holds the all-time wins record as well as highest winning percentage in Aces organizational history.

Tuesday, June 7 is Opening Day. The Aces face the Gaithersburg Giants at 7 p.m. at Frank Mann Field, located behind Cora Kelly School. It will be the first of 20 regular season games.

Tickets are \$5 per person and \$3 for children. As a non-profit, the Aces accept donations. This year, the goal is to get 900 supporters to donate \$9 each in honor of its ninth season. Residents can also help by housing a player at their home. If interested, contact Don Dinan at don@alexandriaaces.org.

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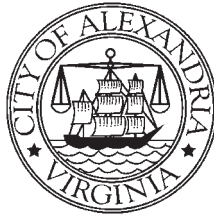
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OBITUARY

Faith Dennis Elliott, 79 of Surfside Beach, South Carolina passed away Saturday, April 9, 2016. Born in Alexandria, Virginia in 1936 to parents Allen and Marjorie Dennis, she attended Maury School and George Washington High School (class of 1955.) She was a member of Alexandria Business and Professional Women and Jobs Daughters. See her guestbook on <http://www.burroughsfh.com/obituary?id=243166>.

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plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2015-0007 to amend the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan and Urban Design Guidelines in the Potomac West Small Area Plan to incorporate the updates approved by the City Council on January 30, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-602 (Coordinated Development Districts created, consistency with Master Plan, required approvals) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) of Article X (Mixed Use Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2015-0006 approved City Council on January 30, 2016 to establish the Oakville Triangle CDD.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2015-0006 to add CDD #24 for the Oakville Triangle and Route 1 Corridor to the CDD regulations Table.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet Nos. 025.01 25.03, and 35-01 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia." Adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and Zoning Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 2000, 2100, 2200 2316, 2320, 2412, 2514, 2610, 2700, 2706, 2800, 2920, 3000 3006, 3014, 3100-3104, 3216, 3300, 3314, 3400 Jefferson Davis Hwy; 400, 405 Fannon Street; 2500 Oakville Street; 300 403, 405, 420, Swann Avenue; 300, 304, 308, 312, 400, 410, 420, 434, 446 Calvert Avenue; 415-418 East Raymond 413, 415, 416-418 420, 426-430 Hume Avenue (2900 Jeffersor Davis Hwy); 414, 417, 419-421 423 Clifford; 401, 405, 406 408-410, 412, 415 East Glebe; 522 E. Mount Ida Avenue; 515 East Howell Avenue; and 516, 518 East Bellefonte Avenue from CSL/Commercial Service Low, I/Industrial, R-2-5/Residential to CDD #24/Coordinated Development District; in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2015-0004 approved by the City Council on January 30, 2016 (Oakville Triangle).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2015-0004 to rezone the property into CDD#24 for the Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Vision Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at 418 West Braddock Road (VAC No. 2015-0003 approved January 30, 2016).

The proposed ordinance vacates 1455 square feet of right-of-way on the corner of Ruffner Road and West Braddock Road adjacent to 418 West Braddock Road. The vacation was approved by City Council on January 30, 2016.

AN ORDINANCE to revise Title IX (Licensing and Regulations), Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) of the City Code to allow Regulations for On-Street Food Truck Vending.

The proposed ordinance would amend the regulations for Food Trucks to allow a process to approve on-street locations for vending and associated regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING on an ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2016 (FY 2017).

PUBLIC HEARING on the Draft Fiscal Year 2017 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Report of the City Council Naming Committee on a Proposed Plaque to be installed on the Washington Street Urban Deck in Memory of Ronald F. Kirby.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NUMBER 16-04-02

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide 7th – 9th grade Literacy Summer Enrichment Program and Materials.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-04-02 7th – 9th grade Literacy Summer Enrichment Program and Materials will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, April 15, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all offers and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-03-06

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for a Literacy Intervention Program at ACPs Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-03-06 Literacy Intervention Program will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, May 6, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8182, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPs web site.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

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